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July 23d.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Nineteen members present.

The following papers were presented for publication :

"Description of a new species of *Pitta* (*Brachyurus*) *leucoptera*,"
by D. G. Elliot.

"A Monograph of the Tringæ of North America," by Elliott Coues.

"Notes on some genera of Fishes of the western coast of North America," by Theodore Gill.

"On a new type of Aulostomatoids found in Washington Territory,"
by Theodore Gill.

"Descriptions of new Pteropine Bats from Africa," by Harrison Allen, M. D.

Dr. Slack called the attention of the Academy to a species of the family of Lemuridæ, obtained by Mr. P. B. DuChaillu in equatorial Africa, and named by him *Otolienus apicalis*, (Proc. Boston Soc. 1860.) The species was first described by the late Maj. Le Conte, in the Proceedings of the Academy, 1857, under the name of *Microcebus elegantulus*. Neither of these names are proper. From the genus *Microcebus* it is readily distinguished by the form of the head and the position of the inferior incisors, which in the specimen under consideration are horizontal. The genus *Otolienus* was founded by Illiger, in his *Prodromus*, 1812, upon a wrong basis, viz., the absence of ears. The ears of this genus are very thin, and are frequently broken in transportation; this is the case with the present specimen, though on its arrival at the Academy a few years since they were perfect, and are described by Maj. Le Conte as large and membranous. The proper name of the genus is *Galago*, given it by St. Hilaire, in his "*Mémoire sur les rapports naturels des Makis*," 1796. Maj. Le Conte's specific name, by the rule of priority, must be retained, and the proper name of the species is therefore *Galago elegantulus*. Two young specimens of the same species, obtained by Dr. Ford in the Gaboon country some years since, were exhibited; they vary somewhat from the adult in coloration, but can readily be distinguished by the tip of the tail being white, a character belonging to no other species of the genus.

July 30th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Twelve members present.

On report of the respective Committees, the following papers were ordered to be published in the Proceedings :

Description of a New Species of the Genus *PITTA*.

BY D. G. ELLIOT.

PITTA (*BRACHYURUS*) *LEUCOPTERA*, Elliot.

Viridis; capite nigro castaneo maculato; gula alba; corpore subtus fulvo, crisso dilute coccineo; tectricibus alarum albis; uropygio viridi-cyaneo, remigibus nigris magna ex parte albis; cauda nigra apice caerulescente. Rostro nigro apice brunneo; pedibus pallescentibus. Juv.

Habitat.—Ceylon.

1861.]